(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) on what terms and conditions RTSAs are appointed by the Railways;

(d) whether their functioning has been reviewed; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) At present 43 Rail Travellers' Service Agents (RTSAs) are functioning in Andhra Pradesh who have been authorised to purchase tickets on behalf of passengers by standing in queue at reservation offices and after realization of prescribed service charges from the passengers.

(c) RTSAs are appointed by the Railways as per provisions of Rail Travellers' Service Agents (RTSAs) Rules, 1985 as amended from time to time.

(d) and (e) The functioning of RTSAs is reviewed from time to time. Necessary action like imposition of penalties, suspension / termination of licence etc. has been taken against the RTSAs found indulging in malpractices.

Train accidents

†3448. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents that occurred during the year 2001-2002;

(b) the loss of life and property in each of those accidents;

(c) the revenue earned during 2001-2002 as security surcharge from passengers;

(d) the ranks of officers found guilty for failure to prevent such accidents;

(e) the action taken by Government against them; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Details of consequential train accidents during the year 2001-2002 are given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Railway	Collision	Derailment	Manned Level crossing	Unmanned level crossing	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
Central	6	35	1	6	1	1	50
Eastern	8	36	1	—	2	—	47
Northern	2	41	2	27	3	4	79
North Eastern	1	20	1	15	—	—	37
Northeast Frontier	1	53	1	2	—	1	58
Southern	2	23	1	9	—	—	35
South Central	3	20	—	10	2	1	36
South Eastern	2	36	1	8	—	—	50
Western	2	15	—	3	1	1	22
Konkan Railway Corporation	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Metro	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	30	280	8	80	9	8	415

NOTE Figures for 2001-2002 are provisional

(b) During 2001-2002, 311 persons got killed and 795 others got injured Approximate damage to railway property in these accidents has been to the tune of Rs. 43.94 crores.

(c) During 2001-2002 (upto February, 2002), approximately Rs. 232.67 crores have been collected as safety surcharge from passengers.

(d) to (f) The officials found responsible come from the rank of Group 'D' to Group 'A' Action taken against officials varies from warning to "dismissal from service".

Promotion of tourism by the Railways

3449. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI K.M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have formulated a comprehensive policy for promotion of tourism in a big way;